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#14 Reg. for Reconsideration (2003) E. Hawkins 6/4/03

Applicant : Graham MENSA-WILMOT et al. Art Unit : 3672
Serial No.: 09/697,789 Examiner : Hawkins-Gay, J.
Filed : October 26, 2000
Title : STRUCTURE FOR POLYCRYSTALLINE DIAMOND INSERT DRILL BIT
BODY AND METHOD FOR MAKING

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 18, 2003, please consider the included remarks.

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 5-11 are pending in this application. Claims 5, 8, and 11 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 5 and 8.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 5, 7, 8, 10, and 11 were rejected as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 4,794,994, issued to Deane et al. ("the '994 patent") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,006,846, issued to Tibbets et al. ("the '846 patent"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.